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Nearly all of Richmond's population have business at the county seat. Let's have a Richmond county.

Free city mail delivery is not practicable for our city until a large portion of the sidewalks are laid.

The dead politicians are now very busy trying to soil the garments of others, while trying to keep their own raiment spotless. Simon pure. Dead men can not fill dead men's shoes, with the discovery of some skeleton, or some foul stench.

JASON WHITNEY BROWN.

The subject of this sketch was born at Zanesville, Ohio, in 1823, and was a second cousin of Capt. John Brown of Ossawatimie, Kansas. His father was Jeremiah Bate-man Brown, a glass blower at Zanesville in the early days. The late deceased had three brothers, George Washington Brown, Admiral Nelson Brown and Jeremiah Byron Brown, the late father of the editor of the Terminal, and his mother was Mary Brown formerly a Gillott of France. He had four sisters: Miss Mary Brown, Mrs. Margaret Mason, Mrs. Sarah Young and Mrs. Eliza Price, all the brothers and sisters being deceased except Mrs. Margaret Mason who is now living at Sarahsville, Ohio.

Along with several other uncles Jason enlisted in the cause of the Union and after his honorable discharge he returned home and afterwards moved to Saline City, Indiana, acquiring property which has become valuable and is the owner of Brown hotel. He also owned and edited a paper but at the close of his life retired from the field of journalism.

He leaves a wife and two children in his immediate family to mourn his loss besides a large number of relatives in Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and California. His father in 1812 enlisted with his squirrel rifle in that war, but the trouble was soon settled and he returned to his Ohio home.

CUTS HIS THROAT.

Tuesday at 11:58 a. m., Fred McGinnis, aged about 40, in a fit of supposed insanity committed suicide opposite the Tenth street school and Brown & Sons grocery as the children were marching out of school, and killed himself by cutting his throat with a butcher knife and a razor, despite the rigid persuasion of James McMullen and C. B. Gregory who tried to have the man postpone the deed. He was persuaded to drop the big knife and when asked to drop the razor McGinnis exclaimed, "Oh! No! Not much!" Gore was then spilling from his stately body and his eyes were glassy as a demon. The suicide was acting strangely of late and it seemed that he left the home in Nystrom addition determined to take his life and deliberately made preparation. He called at Brown's grocery and left one dollar for Mr. McGinnis, the wholesale merchant. He carried a butcher knife in his hip pocket

then. He wrote several rambling communications to school children saying "Goodby," and on one was "In God we trust," another letter to the public he said, "Pray for a brother who has gone beyond." Taking a flag and while in front of the school and the marching children he waved it and cried: "Hurrah for the American flag!" and proceeded to cut his throat. He finished with a razor, severing both jugular veins, carotid arteries, gullet, windpipe and pneumogastric nerves and all the tissues to the spinal column and almost severed his own head from the body. The blood flowed and spurted from the arteries till his heart ceased to beat, covering the front of his clothing down in his shoes. He was shoved forward to the ground by a bystander in the hope of seizing the weapon and there he lay with a stream of blood on the ground near his head. The blood trailed in the street until he died and a few gasps ended the sad story.

The children broke ranks and began running for home, saying: "A man is cutting his throat!" Excitement was very intense, and the school principal advised the dismissal of school for Tuesday afternoon.

The body was taken in charge by Deputy Coroner E. B. Smallwood and was taken to the Smallwood morgue, on Macdonald avenue. The brother of the deceased was soon on the scene and telephoned to a brother at Fresno of the fate of their unfortunate brother.

Mr. Barker, a carpenter, informed a Mr. Wyatt that the man who suicided was named Floyd who had worked with him. This made a confusion until a friend of the McGinnis family said that James McGinnis said after viewing the remains, that it was his brother. The McGinnis stand high in the social circles at Richmond and no direct cause is assigned for the suicide. The remains were conveyed to the cemetery and the floral tributes were many. Deceased was honest, as he paid the last cent he owed in Richmond before taking final leave of life. The relatives have the sincere sympathy of the TERMINAL.

DON'T GET MAD.

Some one of the Fire Company felt a little offense at what the Terminal said in a jesting way about the purchase of a horse for the Fire Company No. 2.

The way it came about the Terminal was on Washington avenue, when a shoe dealer remarked that the horse of Fire Company No. 2 did not seem to work and it seemed to be a "horse on the Fire Company. Besides jests on the east side there were also jests on the west side and it became common talk coupled with the general remark that too much was paid for the horse at the outset.

The plaint in an alleged daily was to the effect that the horse company got the "worst of a horse deal and through no fault of their own" the committee having made the purchase on representations of the owner of the animal as true. The angry individual who talked in print who was not used to criticism said that the company paid its own money for the animal and would protect itself despite the advice of outsiders. The growler also spoke in the alleged daily about who built the "Fire" with the committee who purchased the horse. The Woman's Improvement Club by aid of the people as the children were marching out of school, and killed himself by cutting his throat with a butcher knife and a razor, despite the rigid persuasion of James McMullen and C. B. Gregory who tried to have the man postpone the deed. He was persuaded to drop the big knife and when asked to drop the razor McGinnis exclaimed, "Oh! No! Not much!" Gore was then spilling from his stately body and his eyes were glassy as a demon. The suicide was acting strangely of late and it seemed that he left the home in Nystrom addition determined to take his life and deliberately made preparation. He called at Brown's grocery and left one dollar for Mr. McGinnis, the wholesale merchant. He carried a butcher knife in his hip pocket

The Fire Company, No. 2, are all men of good standing in the community, but that has nothing to do with the horse, but when \$250 is paid for a horse without trying out the animal it does not show very good judgment, and whether any one gets mad or not, it does not affect criticism. People working in the interests of the public and a newspaper must expect criticism.

However, we regret that some member in the Fire Company, No. 2, takes the matter mentioned in the Terminal so much at heart, as it was not inspired by any un-

friendly motive towards the committee; for any one who purchased an animal of a man whose reputation for honesty is beyond question, and that man said the animal was true in every point, that should be a sufficient guarantee, and the gentleman should make good, or suffer exposure. The Terminal believes that the animal was purchased in good faith, and, if the animal is only as good as its appearance it would be worth the money. The Terminal objects to being singled out as a jester, when perhaps a hundred others in town criticised in a spirit unfriendly to a greater or lesser degree.

The Fire Company has made wonderful progress. One remedy would be, to try the horse in a double rig and, if he works buy a mate and save the loss. But this is the company's business and the Terminal will not interfere.

RICHMOND NEEDS ONE.

A gentleman at Eureka, California, sending the Terminal an enclosure and asking us to "send paper until ordered to stop," concluded his epistle as follows: "I own some property in Richmond and expect to locate there eventually. Have written the Richmond Chamber of Commerce three letters of inquiry lately in regard to property values and conditions there and they have not answered a single one of my letters. 'Are they all dead down there?' If so, bury them. If they are just asleep, 'roast' them a little and they may show some signs of life. I believe you are a live editor. Go after them a little, and see if you can not cause a distant property owner of Richmond to at least receive civil treatment from Richmond's representative board of citizens."

In reply we beg to advise that the Chamber of Commerce liquidated its indebtedness and passed away months ago. Its spirit, however, sometimes returns, and like "Queen Mab" of Shakespeare returns and tickles our people of Richmond on our noses and causes us to dream of great things.—Ed.

ALL HAIL TO CHIEF MAHNKE.

A representative of the Terminal was present at the fire drill at Winchaven, on Richmond's waterfront. The name of this company is the California Wine Association Fire Department of Winchaven. Charles Mahnke is the chief. This company under Chief Mahnke did effective work in point of speed and the equipment was fine.

Chief Mahnke has once, in a city not many thousand miles from here, been a very efficient person in drill. The fire department realized that when Mahnke was chosen chief that every movement means business. There is not a slow one in the company and every one feels the severe discipline in Mahnke's drill. Sometimes the brave and heroic firemen think that Chief Mahnke is rather severe, but their chief is determined to carry the department through all the rigors to fit them in any emergency.

This company will be able in a short time to extinguish any fire, and would not hesitate, with a little more equipment to tackle a fire in any block in San Francisco, provided, of course, if it were possible to be on the ground.

The drill of Chief Mahnke is simply perfect in every point. After the drill some of the choice wines are sampled and the boys smoke and talk fish and fire stories. This drill is worth going out to see.

THE GIFT WILL BE FORWARDED.

After a live campaign from about February 1, the contribution to the earthquake sufferers in Italy was swelled to \$70.85. The widow's mite as well was appreciated. It is not how much but the cheerfulness with which the gift was donated that will be appreciated on the Mediterranean shores. The Board of City Trustees will forward the contribution of \$70.85 to Italy at once. The leader was appointed to collect and it advertised through its columns every day for about three weeks and brought results.

ZIMMERMAN IS HERE.

Richmond has needed very badly. C. H. Zimmerman, until lately engaged for two years, with the Beach Laundry Company at Santa Cruz, has decided to cast his lot with Richmond. The great general, as he dashed into the Rubicon, exclaimed, "The die is cast!" and Mr. Zimmerman, the expert on laundrylogy made the same remark in spirit as he plunged into the sands.

New machinery has been added to their splendid equipment. A bran domestic collar and shirt iron have been added. Later the name will be changed probably to White Swan Laundry, or some other name that symbolizes the splendid quality of the work.

THE TERMINAL wishes the new management grand success.

Immortality can now be obtained. For in the way of righteousness is life and in the pathway thereof there is no death and the word of God will hold good today as well as it did with Enoch and Elijah and Ezzrah and Jesus. Jesus said "my sheep know my voice and a stranger, they will not follow and I give to them eternal life and they shall never perish, and if we wish to have this, our mortal bodies, changed and fashioned like unto His glorious body which saw not corruption.—Phil. 3-21, 1 Cor. 15-54 and Habak. 2-2, 3 says, at the end should the vision speak, and not lie and without that vision the people perish, so it is written (Why? I have not the space to explain.) But literature can be had from the House of David, Benton Harbor, Mich., which will explain vexing questions. Remember Jesus did not gather Israel at his first coming, but said how oft would I have gathered you but you would not.

His first coming was for the soul, and a light to lighten the Gentiles. But his second coming is for the body, and has set his hand the second time to recover the remnant of his people Israel, and unto Shiloh shall the gathering of the people be.—Gen. 49-10. Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.—1 Thes. 5-21. For men die for the want of wisdom.—Hosea 4-6, Prov. 10-31-38, but the wise shall understand.—Daniel 12-10. The mystic Paul heard in the Heavens were not lawful to utter in the outer court of the Gentiles. But the seven angels, sounding with the voice of seven thunders now utter that which was hidden, and sealed from the foundation of the world.—Rev. 10-4. Many more proofs of pure life, teaching of Body, Soul and Spirit without death, can be shown by the word, however, I shall be pleased to furnish you with some. Let us write in the city, by selling at the residence of Mr. Frank Thole, on Twenty-second street and Ninth avenue, or by mail.

JOSEPH THOLE.

Perhaps Here.

The Board of Freeholders Saturday night voted unanimously a resolution of thanks to those who contributed their time and labor, speaking for the Richmond charter.

People interested in high school athletics will come from Antioch, San Jose, San Francisco and Belmont to see Richmond high school and Contra Costa athletes perform.

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